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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADORS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, LE, US

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO RESPECTIVE  
GOVERNMENTS AT LEVEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE:

-- YOU WILL HAVE NOTED, PARTICULARLY IN THE ISRAELI AND  
LEBANESE PRESS, THAT THE MOVEMENT OF SYRIAN ARAB SECURITY  
FORCE TROOPS SOUTHWARD INTO THE NABATIYAH AREA IN  
LEBANON ON THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 23 HAS CREATED A  
CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF TENSION.

-- A FUNDAMENTAL SOURCE OF THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THE  
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SYRIANS AND LEBANESE LOOK UPON THE FORCES INVOLVED AS ARAB  
SECURITY FORCE ELEMENTS UNDER SARKIS' CONTROL DEPLOYED FOR  
PURPOSES OF INTERNAL SECURITY. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, SEES THEM  
AS SYRIAN TROOPS BEING MOVED CLOSER TO ITS NORTHERN  
BORDER.

-- WE WOULD LIKE OUR FRIENDS TO KNOW THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY

ENGAGED IN EXCHANGES WITH THE LEBANESE, SYRIAN AND ISRAELI  
GOVERNMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO CALM THE SITUATION AND TO FIND  
A SOLUTION THAT WILL FORESTALL MORE SERIOUS CONFRONTATION.

-- WE ARE URGING SARKIS TO FIND WAYS TO RELIEVE ISRAELI  
CONCERNS THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF SYRIAN FORCES MARKS A  
LONG-TERM CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION, AND WE ARE  
URGING THE ISRAELIS TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT.

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